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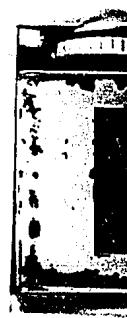
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NLW FLAG FOR TURKMEN SSR

Comment: The Turkmen SSR flag is the tenth union-republic flag to be changed within the past 2 years. Other flags changed were those of the following SSRs: Belorussian, Uzbek, Azerbaydzhan, Armenian, Kirgiz, Kazakh, Latvian, Estonian, and Tadzhik.

The new flags are more distinctive than the old ones, which were identical to the USSR flag except for minor details.

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Changes in the state flag of the Turkmen SSR were decreed by a 1 August 1957 ukase of the Presidium, Supreme Soviet Turkmen SSR. The old flag was red with gold inscription "TSSR" in the upper left corner near the staff.

The new flag is red with a blue horizontal stripe extending the entire length of the flag and making up one third the width of the flag. Dividing the blue stripe is a narrow red stripe, one twelfth the width of the flag. In the upper left corner there is a gold hammer and sickle under a red five-pointed star outlined in gold. The ratio of the width of the flag to its length is 1:2.

The ukase also provided that a proposal for the pertinent changes and amendments to Article 122 of the Turkmen Constitution be introduced for confirmation by the Supreme Soviet of the republic.

A sketch of the new Turkmen flag is appended.



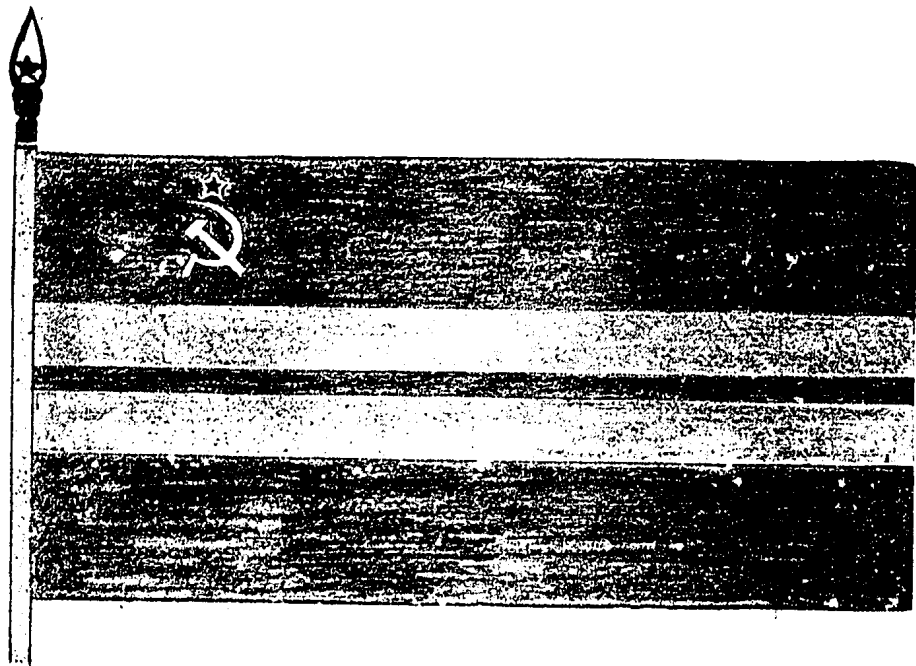
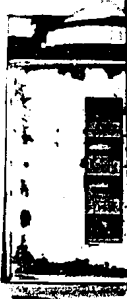
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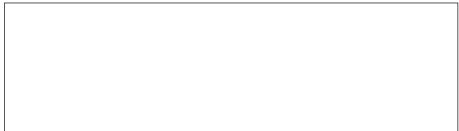
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